Hi Warren—

Thanks for your letters describing the ongoing and challenging budget circumstances for the Sheriff's office and the Contract Cities. This cannot be an easy time for your office or the County.

Given Lafayette's limited budget, the rising costs are – as I'm sure you are aware – of great concern. This being the case, I wanted to let you know that I am planning to deliver an oral report to the Lafayette City Council regarding these matters at their regular meeting next Monday evening. The purpose of the report will be to introduce the Council to the known and unknown cost increases in advance of this year's budget meetings, thus managing Councilmembers' expectations. I will also, at this time, discuss alternative options before the City and ask whether Lafayette should add money to its budget to conduct a more in-depth study of such options for cost savings, efficiency, reorganization, alternative service providers, etc. If the Council chooses to go in this direction, I do not imagine that such work would be initiated until the new fiscal year.

I will continue to keep you posted on any developments from here.

Please call if you have any questions.

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Lafayette City Manager

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